RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, the Mexic-Arte Museum, established in 1984, is the official Mexican American Fine Arts Museum of Texas and is an important Austin institution that also provides vital education services; and

WHEREAS, for over thirty-seven years, the non-profit museum offers outstanding cultural programs and presents art by the finest established and emerging artists from the United States, Mexico and Latin America; and

WHEREAS, the Mexic-Arte Museum has thousands of visitors, ranging from enthusiastic children to community members, that tour the museum each year; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin has been committed to the success and advancement of the Mexic-Arte Museum and the development of the renovated museum facility; and

WHEREAS, on January 11, 2001, the City provided $740,000 to Mexic-Arte for the purchase of a building located at 419 Congress Avenue to permanently house its collections and operate its programs, in return for Mexic-Arte's agreement to rehabilitate and maintain the building and provide certain services which benefit the public; and

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2006, Proposition 4 was approved by City of Austin voters including $5,000,000 for the new Mexic-Arte Museum; and

WHEREAS, on November 6, 2018, Proposition B was approved by City of Austin voters including an additional $15,000,000 for capital reinvestment needs related to Mexic-Arte building renovations and other facility modifications; and

WHEREAS, the new Mexic-Arte Museum building will enhance and expand the cultural institution's educational and artistic programs for members of the Austin and Texas community; and

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WHEREAS, the new Mexic-Arte Museum will be a central anchor of the 5th Street Mexican American Heritage Corridor where some of the first members of the Mexican and Mexican American community settled in Austin; and

WHEREAS, waiving fees for the redevelopment of the Mexic-Arte Museum would allow the City to invest additional resources in the museum which provides new educational and artistic programs for the Austin community; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The City Manager is directed to present waivers for Mexic-Arte development fees for Council consideration annually and until the completion of the project, and the City Manager shall work with Mexic-Arte to ensure the museum meets the legal requirements necessary to waive as many development fees as possible.

ADOPTED: _____, 2022 **ATTEST:** _____

Myrna Rios
City Clerk

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